GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Sri P. Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (retired on 31.03.2018)- Departmental Proceedings under Rule 9 of Revised Pension Rules, 1980- Article of Charge under Rule 20 of the APCS(CC&A)Rules, 1991 - Orders- Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.399 **Dated :10.07.2024.**

Read:

G.O.Ms.No.45, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., Dated:10-07-2024

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ORDER:-

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government under sub-clause (i) of clause (b) of sub-rule (2) of Rule 9 of the Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for instituting departmental proceedings against Sri P. Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired), vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an inquiry against the said Sri P. Vidya Sagar in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services [Classification, Control and Appeal], 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV).

3. Sri P. Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired) is directed to submit within (10) days of the receipt of this order a written statement of his defence and also to state whether he desires to be heard in person.

4. Sri P. Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired), is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifcally admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri P. Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired), is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para (3) above, or does not appear in person before the Inquiring Authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him exparte.

(P.T.O)

6. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri P. Vidya Sagar, the then Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram (now retired) **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.)
Copy to:
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
SF/SC.

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ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.VIDYA SAGAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 31.3.2018).

Article of charge:

That the said Sri P.Vidya Sagar. while working as Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram has recommended the bill for payment despite inferior quality of concrete in the work (Work No.1)"Construction of CC road from Sri Yasarapu Krishna(H) to Sri Diddi Tatiyulu (H) and other internal roads at SC locality of Ramakrishnapuram (V), Kırlampudi(M)". Thereby misusing the Government funds and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer.

By his above mentioned act, Sri P.Vidya Sagar, while working as Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram has failed to discharge his legitimate duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government employee and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SI P.VIDYA SAGAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER. PRI DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 31.3.2018).

Basis:

In the Vigilance report No.55 (C.No.4821/V&.E/Engg/2019-1), dt.22.11.2023, the Director General, (V&E) Dept. has informed that the Vigilance and Enforcement Department enquired into the allegations of irregularities in execution of CC roads, drains, latrines, compost pits and Dumping yards in Ramakrishnapuram (V) Kirlampudi (M) of erstwhile East Godavari District based on the petition received from Sri Gode Atchha Rao, S/o Sri Veerabhadra Bao Ramakrishnapuram (V) Kirlampudi (M) wherein it was alleged that substandard quality works were executed in respect of construction of cement concrete roads, drains, latrines, compost pits and Dumping yards in Ramakrishnapuram (V) Kirlampudi (M)

V&E observations and findings on work no. 1 are as follows:

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Work No.1: Construction of CC road from Sri Yasarapu Krishna (H) to Sri Diddi Tatiyulu (H) and other internal roads at SC locality of Ramakrishnapuram (V), Krilampudi (M) Summary of the test results was as follows:

Si.No	Core ID	Location of the Core extracted	Grade of concrete	Compressive strength in N/mm2		Remarks
				Attained	Required	
CC Road from the stretch of Sri Yasarapu Krishna(H) to Sri Diddi Tattyulu(H)						
1.	1	L/s-40M	M20	10.40	15.00	Failed
2.	2	Centre 80M	M20	17.10	15.00	Satisfactory
3.	3	R/s 133M	M20	12.80	15.00	Failed
		Average		1340	17.00	Failed

The above test results revealed that the CC core samples extracted from the CC road were found to have not attained the strength requirements of specified grade of M20 concrete and also not satisfying the strength requirements of next lower grade of M15 concrete as per IS 4S6:2000. Hence the CC road was found to be liable for rejection. An amount of Rs.4,18,574/- was arrived at towards the rejected component of the CC road.

Therefore, the rejected component of the CC road should be reconstructed at the cost and risk of the agency or an amount of Rs.4,18,574/ is proposed to be recovered from the agency towards the rejected Component of the work.

The V&E Dept. has concluded that the allegations made by the petitioner that substandard quality works were executed in construction of cement concrete roads in Ramakrishnapuram(V) of Kirlampudi(M) was found to be substantiated. The V&E Dept. has recommended for disciplinary action against Sri P. Vidya Sagar, the then EE and now retired for recommending the bill for payment despite inferior quality of concrete in Work No.1. Further, the V&E Dept. has proposed recovery of an amount of Rs.4,18,574/ - from Gram Panchayat, Ramakrishnapuram.

Thus, Sri P.Vidya Sagar, while working as Executive Engineer, PRI Division, Rajamahendravaram has failed to discharge his legitimate duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty, lack of integrity and behaving in a manner unbecoming of a Government employee and thereby contravened Rule 3(1), 3(2) and 3(5) of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964 and also failed to follow the departmental procedure and resulting in loss caused to the Government exchequer. Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.VIDYA SAGAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 31.3.2018) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

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1. Vigilance Report No.55 (C.No,4821/V&E/Engg/2019-1), dt.22.11.2023 of the Director-General, Genl. Admn. (Vigilance & Enforcement) Dept.
2. Govt.Memo No.2355672/Vig.I/2024, dt.26.05.2024 of PR&RD (Vig.I)Dept.

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ANNEXURE-IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE DRAFT ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI P.VIDYA SAGAR, THE THEN EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI DIVISION, RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM (RETIRED FROM SERVICE ON 31.3.2018) ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- NIL –

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